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SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECT: TURKISH NUCLEAR POWER PLANT

REF: (A) ANKARA 3111, (B) ANKARA 6144

1. DR. AHMET KUTUKCUOGLU, DIRECTOR, NUCLEAR ENERGY DIVISION, TURKISH ELECTRICITY AUTHORITY (TEK) HAS PROVIDED US FOLLOWING UPDATE OF TIMETABLE AND RELATED INFO ON IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS PROJECT.

2. TEK NOW IN FINAL STAGES OF PREPARING INVITATIONS TO BID, WHICH SHOULD BE ISSUED "BY END OF YEAR" OR WITHIN MONTH OR TWO AT LATEST. INVITATIONS WILL NOT SPECIFY NHPE OF REACTOR; THIS DECISION WILL BE MADE AT SAME TIME AS SUPPLIER IS SELECTED. BIDS WILL BE EVALUATED SUMMER 1977; CONSTRUCTION LICENSE FROM TURKISH AEC WILL THEN BE APPLIED FOR AND SHOULD BE GRANTED BY END 1978. TURKISH AEC HAS ALREADY ISSUED SITE LICENSE FOR SILIFKE IN MERSIN PROVINCE, A RELATIVELY NON-SEISMIC AREA, AND PRELIMINARY SITE WORK REPORTEDLY HAS ALREADY BEGUN. CONSTRUCTION WILL BEGIN EARLY IN 1979 WITH COMPLETION PLANNED FOR 1984. PLANT WILL BEGIN COMMERCIAL

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OPERATION IN 1985.

3. NON PRE-QUALIFICATION AS SUCH WILL BE REQUIRED OF BIDDERS, AS VIRTUALLY ALL POTENTIAL SUPPLIERS' WORK IS WELL-KNOWN TO TEK. BIDDERS WITHOUT SUCH PROJECTS TO THEIR CREDIT WILL, OF COURSE, BE REQUIRED TO UNDERGO EQUIVALENT OF PRE-QUALIFICATION SCRUTINY.

4. PROJECT WILL BE DIVIDED INTO THREE MAJOR PACKAGES: (A) THE NUCLEAR ISLAND, (B) THE TURBINES ISLAND AND (C) CIVIL WORKS. OVERALL PROJECT MANAGEMENT WILL BE CARRIED OUT BY TEK AND ITS CONSULTANT, SUISELECTRA. NUCLEAR ISLAND TO BE DELIVERED ON "SEMI-TURNKEY" BASIS. KUTUKCUOGLU RELUCTANT TO ESTIMATE VALUE OF ANY OF CONTRACTS COMPRISING PROJECT IN VIEW OF GENERALLY RISING COSTS. HE INDICATED THAT FINANCING PROPOSALS WOULD RECEIVE PARTICULARLY CLOSE ATTENTION IN BID EVALUATION PROCESS. PROJECT WAS IN FACT DIVIDED INTO DISCRETE PACKAGES LARGELY TO FACILITATE FINANCING, WHICH WOULD HAVE BEEN VIRTUALLY IMPOSSIBLE IN ONE LARGER PIECE.

5. WESTINGHOUSE REPRESENTATIVES WHITE (SEE REF B) AND BRADY HAVE ALSO VISITED EMBASSY RECENTLY (DECEMBER 6) TO INQUIRE AGAIN ABOUT POSSIBILITY EXIM PARTICIPATION THIS PROJECT. WE OFFERED NO ENCOURAGEMENT AND ADVISED THEM TO ADDRESS INQUIRIES RE THIS UNIQUE CASE DIRECTLY TO EXIM AND OTHER INTERESTED WASHINGTON AGENCIES.
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